Development has written to the Chief Ministers on 5-7-89 to take immediate remedial action in framing service rules. The Government of Rajasthan and the Administration of Dadar & Nagar Haveli have already framed service fules.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The main demands of DRDA employees include—

(1) Formation of State Cadre with definite service rules.

(2) Security of service.

(3) Provision of benefits equal to the State Government employees.

(4) Reversion of deputationists to their parent departments.

(5) Filling up of vacant posts through promotion and direct recruitment.

(6) Earmarking adequate funds for establishment and contingencies according to sanctioned strength as Non-Plan budget.

(7) Provision of additional staff according to new schemes/programmes.

(8) Reinstatement of retrenched employees of DRDAs in Manipur.

(9) Initiaton of action against Project Officer, DRDA, Ukhrul and Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman, DRDA, Thoubal in Manipur State.

Since the service rules and other conditions of service are to be laid down by the concerned State Government, the Minister of State for Rural Development has written to all the Chief Ministers on 5-7-89 inviting their attention to the demands of DRDA employees and the need to take immediate remedial action.

(f) While, there are no proposals for the winding up of DRDAs, there are suggestions for their merger with Zila Parihads. Even if DRDAs do not continue as separate entities, the rural development programmes would continue to be implemented through an administrative structure capable of absorbing the services of existing DRDA employees.

Suggestions for re-examination of Emigration Clearance Act

2142. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to genuine jobseekers of Kerala due to imposing restrictions on grant of Emigration clearance only to those having "to and fro air passage" at the employers' cost;

(b) if so, whether any suggestions have been received from the Kerala Government in this regard and if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether suggestions have been received for re-examine the Emigration Act and the rules 1983 and for repeal of the Amended clause of "to and fro passage" from the said rules to save the genuine job seekers having valid documents from hardships; if so, reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the number of job-seekers who have been standard at various exit points due to imposition of above rules; and steps taken by Government to solve their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) The Emigration Act 1983 and the Rules framed thereunder set out the conditions under which an Indian worker can proceed abroad for work. Rule 15(2) (vii) provides for 'to and fro air passage at employers' cost' and is meant to prevent exploitation of workers and to protect their interests. Suggestions regarding this issue have been received from Kerala Government and they have been informed about the position in this regard.

(d) No such instance has come to notice.